

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Brian Hoven, on January 26, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)  
Sen. Nels Swandal, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch  
Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 130, 1/24/2017; HB 131, 1/24/2017

00:00:01 Chairman Hoven

**HEARING ON HB 130**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:23 Rep. Zac Perry (D), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 130, Revise commercial feed inspection fee and reporting requirements.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:41 Andy Gray, bureau chief, Commodity Services Bureau, Department of Agriculture

00:04:43 Levi Ostberg, lobbyist, Montana Farmers Union

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:06:00 Rep. Perry

**HEARING ON HB 131**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:06:24 Rep. Zac Perry (D), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 131, Revise reports and fees for produce, seed, feed, fertilizer.

00:06:51 Sen. Moore entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:49 Andy Gray, bureau chief, Commodity Services Bureau, Department of Agriculture

00:11:40 Lee Ostberg, lobbyist, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:53 Sen. Lang

00:13:35 Sen. Olszewski entered the meeting.

00:13:39 Mr. Ostberg, MFU

00:14:52 Sen. Lang

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:15:19 Rep. Perry

**Discussion on SB 55**

00:15:46 Chairman Hoven

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**Committee Business**

00:17:10 Chairman Hoven

00:18:24 Sen. Lang

00:19:31 Chairman Hoven

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00:20:49 Sen. Swandal

00:20:56 Chairman Hoven

00:21:16 Sen. Moore

00:21:30 Chairman Hoven

00:21:36 Sen. Salomon

00:21:43 Chairman Hoven

00:21:48 Sen. Moore

00:22:10 Chairman Hoven

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:24 PM

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Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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